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**Proclaim March 31 through April 6, 2013 Safety Seat Checkup Week in Los Angeles County**

The number one preventable cause of death of and injury to children and young adults is the automobile collision. More than 90 child passengers under fifteen are killed and more than 10,000 injured in automobile collisions in California each year. Seventy-one percent of small children killed in crashes would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in child safety seats. Forty-five percent of injuries to child occupants ages four to eight could be prevented with the use of booster seats and more than ninety percent of child safety seats are used incorrectly.

California's child safety seat usage rate reached a record high of 95 percent in 2010, up from 90.9 percent in 2009. The State of California (State) requires that all occupants be properly restrained in safety seats or safety belts with children in the back seat until at least eight years of age. The State also requires all occupants of motor vehicles to be buckled correctly on every ride.

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Crash-tested safety seats are moderately priced and widely available for purchase at retail stores and at low cost from safety seat distribution programs throughout California. SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. has been dedicated for more than 30 years to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle.

On April 6, 2013, families will receive a free, detailed inspection of the installation and use of their safety seats by trained volunteers. Parents will learn if the safety seats have been recalled or need replacement parts and shown how to use them correctly. Previous checkups have shown more than 90 percent had errors that needed correction.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Proclaim March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 6, 2013 as Safety Seat Checkup Week throughout Los Angeles County to encourage correct safety restraints and prevent cause of death and injury of children and young adults in an automobile collision, and encourage them to participate in the free safety seat inspection on April 6, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Petersen Automotive Museum located at 6060 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90036.

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